



CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

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CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS INVOLVED WITH LAUNCH OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER DAY AT BLETCHLEY PARK

Crowborough CFR Team Leader, Nicki Pointer alongside Leigh Westwood (SCFRTL) and Bloss Spink attended an event held at Bletchley Park, the 'Home of the Codebreakers' in Milton Keynes on 28 October 2019.



(L-R): Nicki Pointer (TL), Leigh Westwood (SCFRTL) and Bloss Spink
Photo taken in the National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

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The event was arranged by Paul Devlin from NHS Improvement with NHS England, and the launch of International Community First Responders day was an opportunity to promote and recognise the lifesaving work of voluntary CFR schemes in valuing patient's time.

Originally a day that was created by the Senate in the United States as part of their response to the events of 9/11, the 28 October is now a day for all Community First Responders around the world. For the event two special callsigns were granted by Ofcom, **GB1NHS** and **GB1CFR**, replacing the station's usual **GB3RS** callsign.



LHS: Nicki Pointer speaking to someone in Florida / RHS: The CFRs and NHS Improvement representatives at the National Radio Centre

The team were able to speak with contacts in the United States, Moldova and Israel as well as to a crew flying in a Boeing 737 in the skies whilst enroute to Albania.



The CFRs, together with representatives from NHS Improvement and operatives from the National Radio Centre

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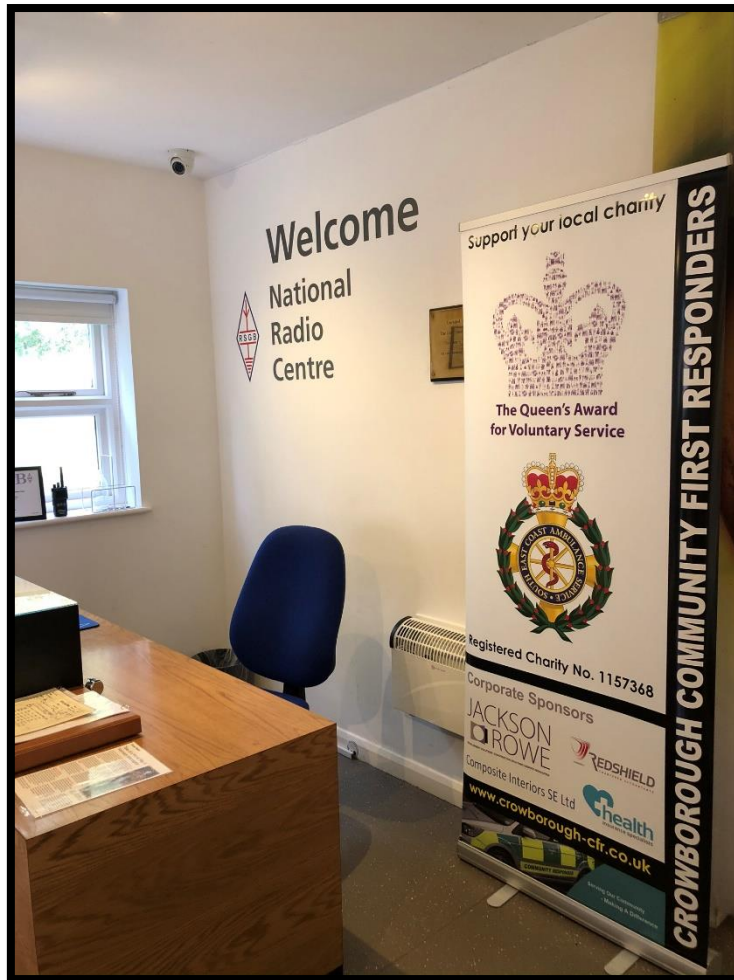
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Speaking afterwards, Nicki Pointer the Team Leader for Crowborough CFR said:

“This was a fantastic opportunity to communicate with people around the world, promoting CFRs and recognising the value to patient’s time.”



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Further Information:

Crowborough Community First Responders

Crowborough Community First Responders was formed in 2010, became a registered charity in 2014 and was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2019, the highest award a volunteer group can receive in the UK.

The charity provides specially trained volunteers who work alongside and to respond as directed by South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust, to emergency 999 calls in Crowborough and surrounding parishes. The charity is run entirely by its volunteers, 13 in total (8 frontline CFRs and 5 Fundraisers). The Charity's Patron is Mrs Jennifer Tate.

Awards

- 2014 – Rotary Club Citizens Award
- 2015 – Heart of the Community
- 2019 – Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- 2019 – UK Heartsafe

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Social media

- Facebook: @CrowboroughCFRs
- Twitter: @CrowboroughCFR
- Instagram: @crowborough_cfrs
- LinkedIn: Crowborough Community First Responders

Website: www.crowbrough-cfr.co.uk

Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders

The Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders is a dedicated team of volunteers that was formed in 2019, to assist and co-ordinate in the fundraising activities of the team.

The charity receives no central funding, so is reliant entirely on donations from members of the public and other corporate bodies.

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- Facebook: FriendsCCFR
- Twitter: Friends_CCFR